

DUPLICATE PARTICIPATION AND TFS

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SITUATION:

County A.'s case was selected for the sample month of July 2007. The household was receiving Transitional Food Stamps (TFS) from County B., when they moved to County A. and applied for CalWORKs and Food Stamps in April 2007. The EW in County A. contacted the EW in County B. and it was agreed that the TFS case in County B. would be discontinued effective May 31, 2007. County A. approved CW and FS effective June 1, 2007 but County B. failed to terminate their TFS case.

FNS 310 Section 727.2 and 844.2 indicate that although the EW in County A. acted correctly, County A. still has an error as County B.'s TFS case was the first to be correctly authorized to receive benefits.

QUESTION #1:

Which County was the first to correctly authorize benefits for the sample month? Does it matter that the household is no longer eligible to TFS in County B. now that they are receiving CW from County A.?

RESPONSE #1:

Per FNS, at the point in time that the case from County B. was opened and benefits were authorized, TFS was not a factor. Therefore, TFS (correct or incorrect) is not a factor in the determination as to which case was correctly opened first. As such, County A. must absorb any error rate impact resulting from the \$286 variance.

QUESTION #2:

If County A. does cite a duplicate issuance error, what amount do they cite? Since County B issued \$200 and County A. issued \$286, is the duplicate issuance variance \$200 or the full allotment of \$286 issued by County A.?

RESPONSE #2:

Per the above answer, the error amount is \$286.